

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
 v.) CR. NO. 2:06cr155-MHT
)
QUINTRELL MARTIN)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S MOTION
FOR A FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE

The United States of America (United States), by its undersigned counsel, respectfully submits the following:

On February 5, 2007, this Court entered a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture ordering defendant Quintrell Martin to forfeit a Heckler & Koch USP .40 caliber, semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number 22-43466 and a Ruger P95DC 9mm semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number 313-75093.

Following entry of an order of forfeiture in a criminal case, the government must publish notice of the order in a manner consistent with the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(1) which gives the Attorney General plenary authority to prescribe the manner of such notice. The Attorney General has determined that the provisions of Rule G(4) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime and Asset Forfeiture Claims ("Supplemental Rules") should be the manner of such notice.

Rule G. Forfeiture Actions In Rem

(4) Notice.

(a) Notice by Publication.

(i) When Publication Is Required. A judgment of forfeiture may be entered only if the government has published notice of the action within a reasonable time after filing the complaint or at a time the court orders. But notice need not be published if:

(A) the defendant property is worth less than \$1,000 and direct notice is sent under Rule G(4)(b) to every person the government can reasonably identify as a potential claimant; or

(B) the court finds that the cost of publication exceeds the property's value and that other means of notice would satisfy due process.

Pursuant to this rule, publication of notice of a criminal order of forfeiture is not required if one of the exceptions in Rule G(4)(a) applies. The Rule provides that no publication is necessary if the property is of *de minimus* value or if the court finds that the cost of publication exceeds the property's value.

The exceptions apply in this case and publication is not required as the firearms are worth less than \$1,000 and the cost of publication exceeds their value. Further, the only known potential claimant to the property is the defendant in this action.

Accordingly, the United States respectfully requests that this Court enter a Final Order of Forfeiture as proposed in the attached Order, without the necessity of notice in accordance with Rule G(4).

Defense counsel does not oppose entry of a Final Order of Forfeiture.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of January, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 23, 2008, I electronically filed the foregoing Motion for Final Order of Forfeiture and Proposed Final Order of Forfeiture with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

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